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EARLY in the craft year which began on 19 July 1557, and was the first of the chartered existence of the Stationers' Company, John Waley, or Wally, entered what was no doubt the present play on the Register along with several other works. The entry runs as follows:

[Arber's Transcript, I. 75.]

That Waley printed an edition is therefore to be presumed, but it does not necessarily follow that the extant copy, which though perfect bears neither date nor printer's name, ever belonged to it. Indeed, a comparison with a number of works to which he did affix his name suggests grave doubts on the subject. Though not a high-class printer, there seems no reason to ascribe to him a piece of work which for badness alike of composition and press-work appears to be unique among the dramatic productions of the sixteenth century.

'Wealth and health' appears among the titles in the list of plays appended to the edition of Goffe's *Careless Shepherdess*, printed for Rogers and Ley in 1656. The entry was repeated with the designation 'C[omedy]' in Archer's list of the same year, and, without the addition, in those of Kirkman in 1661 and 1671. In 1691 Langbaine wrote '*Wealth and Health*, a Play of which I can give no Account.' Gildon has no further information to offer, nor have any of his immediate followers. Chetwood, in 1752, classes it among 'Plays Wrote by Anonymous Authors in the 16th [by which he means the seventeenth] Century,' calls it 'an Interlude' and dates it 1602. This invention was only copied in those lists which depended directly on Chetwood's, such

as the *Playhouse Pocket-Companion* of 1779. Meanwhile, in his *Companion to the Play-House* of 1764, D. E. Baker, relying upon Coxeter's notes, gave an essentially accurate description of the piece, except that he asserted it to be 'full of Sport and mery Pastyme,' and described it as an octavo. This entry has been copied by subsequent bibliographers, none of whom have seen the original.

The play was among those discovered in Ireland in the spring of 1906 and sold at Sotheby's on 30 June, when it was purchased for the British Museum at the price of one hundred and ninety-five pounds. Its press-mark is C. 34. i. 25.

The extremely careless typography of the original makes the task of reprinting a difficult one. Ordinary misprints abound, and these have been scrupulously retained, a list of irregularities being added below. It has, however, proved impossible to arrive at any satisfactory method of distinguishing between 'n' and 'u.' In the first hundred lines, which are by no means the worst printed, there are thirty-two cases in which the letter is indistinguishable, eighteen cases of an apparent 'u' which should be 'n,' and seven cases of an apparent 'n' which should be 'u.' When it is further remembered that there are few cases in which it is possible to say for certain that a letter really is what it appears to be, and none in which it may not be turned, some idea of the difficulty in the way of reprinting will be obtained. To have followed the original in this matter would have been to introduce another misprint into at least every fourth line, while even so several hundred cases would have remained which could only have been decided according to the apparent sense of the passage. The only rational course was to treat the letters as indistinguishable throughout, and to

print in each instance whichever the sense seemed to require. Again, as the superscript letters ‘c,’ ‘e,’ ‘t,’ are seldom distinguishable, the printer has been given the benefit of the doubt. Another difficulty arose in connection with the speakers’ names. In the original these have often dropt from their proper places, which can now only be ascertained from the sense and the not very regular indentation. With some hesitation it has been decided to restore them to the positions they should apparently occupy, noting all cases in which they are a line or more out in the original. Lastly it may be remarked that in the speeches which aim at imitating foreign languages the apparent readings of the very indistinct original have been scrupulously reproduced, and no attempt has been made, even in the subjoined list, to suggest any corrections.

In the last sheet some of the pages are cropt at the foot. In most cases nothing more than the catchword has disappeared, and although between lines 768 and 769 something seems to be lost, it is doubtful whether this is due to the cropping, since $D1^v$ has already one line too many.

The original is printed in the ordinary black letter of the period, of the body known as English (20 ll. = 94 mm.).

IRREGULAR AND DOUBTFUL READINGS.

Tit. att his	29. so (too ?)
5. tcowe	38. yeth
7. sleepe (?)	41. dyspayre (dysprayse)
13. nof	50. marualusly
24. Weith	52. iu
25. Jam	54. ts
27. ofcomparison	57. stander...noȝe

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|------|----------------------------------|------|---|
| 58. | felte | 195. | please youto |
| 62. | Inlykewise | 197. | libert |
| 63. | Wh en (?)
(no catchword) | 201. | werwhÿ (me, whÿ ?) |
| 66. | desyled | 207. | feloweh |
| 70. | thouart | 214. | shalde |
| 74. | answerrd | 216. | crow |
| 75. | wellh | 224. | beholde (be bolde) |
| 76. | thou‘
fagetyue (or ?tagetyue) | 234. | wyse (the ‘l’ doubtful)
ifye (if he ?) |
| 80. | Thai | 237. | ālibert |
| 84. | benefites | 238. | notfore |
| 95. | walh hatg...treasure | 249. | lubstaunce |
| 98. | stands (the ‘l’ doubtful) | 250. | werr |
| 100. | competent | 251. | whyte |
| 105. | Pe | 253. | lust (lusty) |
| 107. | otherwelth | 257. | lybertye |
| 109. | Euerywise | 258. | H elth (?) |
| 110. | dtspositioncs | 267. | ran |
| 127. | faue (the ‘e’ doubtful) | 270. | loboure |
| 134. | woth | 275. | ofliberty...suter |
| 137. | stealeth | 278. | alytle |
| 144. | hit | 286. | acquainted |
| 149. | a wreke | 289. | Dryue (the ‘y’ doubtful) |
| 150. | nf | 290. | Wh II (?)...C (J) |
| 159. | (no catchword) | 294. | [H]ealth |
| 164. | nhw indifferenly | 306. | Chyst |
| 165. | ue | 312. | kindes |
| 168. | Weith | 315. | Arquaintance |
| 177. | tryasure | 318. | fo |
| 178. | yfthey | 319. | lybertyeis |
| 191. | (no catchword) | 320. | lyberfye, wili |

- bebolde (be bolde) 470. berter
 322. Thyrfoſe 473. mayay (or? nayay, read-
 324. lybryte ing very doubtful;
 328. ano may say ?)
 337. pas (past)
 364. ther
 367. jet hym (hem)
 373. Wytte (Will)
 379. felse
 383. caa
 386. thought (sought)
 391. srhon (?)
 397. be gins
 398. fleminge
 400. fleminges
 wilmar (?)
 405. icvell
 408. lonck
 410. ic compta hole
 414. Mae
 424. ssaunderſ
 425. fleminges
 426. theris
 433. deuose
 440. ftyll (?)
 443. shred wet
 445. Wyll...cun
 447. thing
 450. geeat actorty
 452. hach
 453. lust (iust)...indifference
 460. halbe (the 'l' doubtful)
475. fforſoth...þrother
 479. in (the 'n' doubtful)
 485. wel...ſlye (ſlyt ?)
 498. you
 501. vegyled
 502. councell
 507. Wy ll (?)
 508. fhe (?)
 509. chat...alw ay
 511. meaneth (the 't' doubt-
 ful)
 520. [Liberty ?]
 531. oardon
 534. am be (?)...wcell
 545. Englaſd
 547. renimes
 548. thy (they)
 551. rm
 553. apart...aceoritie
 554. R[e]md[i]
 558. for (the 'f' doubtful)
 561. prefercing (?)
 567. ehis
 568. percelue
 596. b e (?)
 600. voor (?)
 601. tohether
 605. exchewe...Jll

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| 607. tēp | 719. Wyll. (opposite l. 718) |
| 609. sach | 724. wich |
| 613. [()wil | 731. welco me |
| 616. apare | Health (opposite l. 730) |
| 618. larpe | 734. (no catchword) |
| 622. chat | 735. her (hert ?) |
| 624. afryde | 736. v s(?) |
| 629. Hew | 740. .abor |
| 630. p=omise (the 'e' doubtful) | 742. sha me (?) |
| 631. slyest (spyst ?) | 753. H ance (?) |
| 632. lok e | 755. Hance (the 'e' doubtful) |
| 633. crooke (the 'e' doubtful) | 756. nothin |
| 636. Wyll. (below l. 637)
tor | 757. H ance (?) |
| 653. euey | 760. allaunts...reale |
| 654. ofhell (?) | 764. selfeloue (?) |
| 662. false | descone (?) |
| 666. libertidespise | 766. subtel tiget |
| 667. mateer | 768. (catchword cut off ?) |
| 668. wat, ler...[Will.] | 769. [Remedy.] (but a whole
line probably missing) |
| 669. a none | 772. Ic ... Remdi (the 'i'
doubtful) |
| 675. thiag | 773. i (I or i) |
| 676. Afirr (After) | 776. fleming (the 'f' doubt-
ful)...lenger |
| 685. I tis | 780. tiberty |
| 686. ihe | 782. Health (opposite l. 781) |
| 693. wlth...conoenient | 785. nof (?) |
| 695. Wyll. (opposite l. 696)
angey | 787. affirmity |
| 699. tor | 790. Health (opposite l. 791) |
| 705. he | 791. maladi (the 'l' doubt-
ful) |
| 711. Wytte (opposite l. 712) | |
| 716. rhe | |

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| 796. <i>ye t</i> | 856. <i>fhese</i> |
| 798. <i>people</i> (the second 'e'
doubtful)... <i>detelt</i> | 861. <i>contaa</i> |
| 799. <i>theroffor</i> (?) | 863. <i>ihree</i> |
| 801. <i>A mendes</i>
(catchword cropt) | 864. <i>I Iyfso...tham</i>
(there is no lead between
<i>Wyll.</i> and <i>Wytte.</i> ;
the speakers' names to
ll. 862-3 are half a
line too low, those to
ll. 865-7 half a line
too high) |
| 803. <i>doone</i> (the 'd' doubtful) | 866. <i>Remd[i]</i> |
| 804. <i>helse a mendes</i> | 867. <i>abd</i> ... (signature and
catchword cut off?) |
| 807. <i>necessitie</i> (?) | 868. <i>ful</i> |
| 820. <i>thinketh</i> (the second 't'
doubtful) | 871. <i>speake</i> |
| 821. <i>herc</i> | 873. <i>feason</i> |
| 822. <i>ve</i> | 881. <i>Remdt</i> |
| 823. <i>ease ano</i> | 882. <i>thete</i> (?) |
| 826. <i>warae</i> | 887. <i>in continent</i> |
| 828. <i>boypde</i> | 888. <i>wif</i> |
| 830. <i>weae...uhat hrith</i> | 889. <i>lake</i> |
| 831. <i>saw saw</i> | 891. <i>behanged</i> |
| 833. <i>tste</i> | 893. <i>hals</i> |
| 834. (catchword cropt) | 901. <i>shew de</i> |
| 836. <i>liuingl</i> | 903. <i>althye</i> |
| 838. <i>abouf</i> (?) | 907. <i>shaibe...warding</i>
alonge |
| 841. <i>blam</i> | 909. <i>wel</i> |
| 842. <i>To staunder</i>
<i>vndesruued</i> | 912. <i>remabze...a nother</i> |
| 843. <i>drpart</i> | 917. <i>displesur</i> |
| 846. <i>spyznardo</i> | 918. <i>vngrocious</i> |
| 847. <i>folse chefe...heath</i> | |
| 849. <i>wiltel</i> | |
| 850. <i>ia</i> | |
| 851. <i>peca</i> (the 'e' doubtful) | |
| 853. <i>meae</i> | |

919. dissulation	940. yfye (?)
923. devyl	941. rectore
924. liberty= (the 'z' doubt- ful; opposite l. 923)	954. Thar (?)
925. ymanginacien	955. remedij
927. wiyscef	956. deuer
928. pysison	958. riagne
933. (catchword cropt)	960. rontinue
	961. w (w̄)

An enterlude of

Welth, and Helth, very mery and full of
Palsyme, newly ast his lyne.

Imprinted.

(.)

The names of the players.

Welth.	Hool.	Hance.
Helth,	Showdwyf.	Remedy
Lybertie.		

Some may easly play this playe.

Aug

aforesaid

Here entreth Welch, and Welch synging together
a balet of two partes, and after speakeþ

Welch.

Wher is there no curtesy now I am come

I trowe that all the people be dumme

Ozels so god helpe me and haly dñe

They were almoſt a ſleepe.

No wordes I harde, nor yet no talking

No iſtument went nor ballatte ſyging

What ayles you all thus to ſlyt dreaming

Of whom take ye care.

Of my coying ye may be glad to heare

Therfore I pray you be not ſad

for all poor desyre ſhall be had

I can amende your cheare.

By God I thynke ye haue forgotten me.

I am welch of this realme looke vpon me

for I am to euery man louing and frendly

For welch hath no pece.

Brother welch haue ye not yet doone

ye prayse your ſelfe aboue the moone

Euerie man may perceue therby ſoone

That you lacke diſtreſſyou.

Wherfore by god I cannot ſay to much,

I am so welth of substance and ryth

In all the worlde wheres is one ſuch

As I am of compaſſion.

Welch is good I cannot deſay

Yet prayſe your ſelfe ſo muche ye may

For welch oftentimes doth decay

And Welch is nothing ſure.

Welch.

Welch.

Welch.

A. A.

Welch

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An enterlude of

Welth, and Helth, very mery and full of
Pastyme, newly att his tyme
Imprinted.
(:.)

C The Names of the players.

Welth.	Ilwyll.	Hance.
Helth,	Shrowdwyt.	Remedy
Lybertie.		

Foure may easely play this Playe.

¶ Here entreth Welth, and Helth synging together
a balet of two partes, and after speaketh
Welth.

Why is there no curtesy, now I am come
I trowe that all the people be dumme
Oz els so god helpe me and halydum
They were almost a sleepe.

No wordes I harde, nor yet no talking
No instrument went nor ballattes synging
10 What ayles you all thus to sylt dreaming
Of whom take ye care?

Of my coming ye may be glad
Therefore I pray you be not sad
For all your desyre shall be had
I can amende your cheare

By God I thinke ye haue forgotten me
I am welth of this realme looke vpon me
For I am to every man louing and freendly
For welth hath no pere.

20 Brother welth haue ye not yet doone?
ye prayse your selfe aboue the moone
Every man may perceyue therby soone
That you lacke discresyon

Wherfore, by god I cannot say to much
I am so welthy of substaunce and rych
In all the worlde where is one such
As I am ofcomparison.

Welth is good I cannot denay
Yet prayse your selfe so muche ye may
30 For welth oftentimes doth decay
And welth is nothing sure.

Helth.

Welth.

Helth.

A.ii.

welth

Welth. Welth hath ben euer in this countrey
And here I purpose stylle for to be
For this is the lande most mete for me
And here I wyll endure.

Health Therin ye speake full louingle
For in this realme welth shoud be
yeth no displeasure I pray you hartely
But in the way of communicacion.

And for pastyme I would speake some wayes
Of no comparison, nor to you no dyspayre,
I doo not intende that maner alwayes,
But for a recreation,

wealth Brother what soever ye say to me.
I wyll heare you paciently
I am content and I thanke you hartely
Begyn and say your pleasure

Health I thanke you hartely then wyll I
Some what vnto my purpose apply
Though welth be paised marualuly
yet to myne understanding.
Welth is mutable, and that iu shame
And welth is hauty and proude of name
Welth ts cruell, and in great blame
For welth is euer wauerynge.

wealth. To whom haue I doone any harme can ye say,
ye stander me nowe, yet I trust I may
Aunswere for my selte in euery maner way
ye wyl not deny that?

Health God forbyd but ye should do so
And ye may doo it whether I wyl or no
Inlykewise, I must answer you also
When ye say not true.

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Though I be but to you a poore man
yet helth I height, the same I am
That is desyred vniuersally than
Some calles me as good as you

As I, mary ther in deeude ye do compare.
Such wordes myght bryng you soone in care

Welth.

70 Lewde parson, thouart not ware
Of what substaunce I am

Yes I can tell what you are, be not dyspleased
welth is of great substaunce, that cannot be denyed
yet shew your comodities, and ye shalbe answerd
I promyse you wellh is fugitive.

What sayst thou, am I a fagetgue
I was neuer so taken vp in my lyfe
Nor called vnsure, well I wyll make no stryfe
yet where as thou dost say,

80 Thai I shold shew my commodityes alwayses
The best for my selfe wherof I aske prayse
ye I shoulde stand her all my lyfe dayes
yet I coulde not say.

Nor halfe the benefites that commeth of me
yt cannot be tolde nor resyted shortly
Welth is the floure of althing earthly
That you cannot denye.

Ferste god sauе, our soueraine Ladye the Queene
With all the counsel and all that with them bene

90 Am not I welth with them euer at ene
Who shoud be there but I?

Men of the lawe, and ioly rych marchauntes
There be welthy both of goodes and lands,
Without comparyson is in their handes
I welth hatg all treasure.

A.iii.

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Health. O good syr, of whom commeth all this
Of god only, to you no thanke Iwys
And yet mans welth stands not all in ryches
I dare saye that boldly,

Whan a man hath a cempetent liuing
with the grace of god that passeth all thyng
Loue of his neyghbour, and good reporting
Then is he welthy,

Welth of goodes is but a fame
He is welthy that hath a good name
Euery wyse man wyll coueyte the same
For otherwelth I not reche

yf a man haue neuer so much good name
Euerywise man wyll coueyte the same
if his dtsposicions be nought and wood
Then he is but a wretch,

Welth. Nay thou art a wretch, and a foole vnwyse
welth of ryches thus to despyle
Doest thou not se all the worlde aryse
By goodes and substaunce

He that hath plenty of syluer and golde
May haue all thyng whatsoever he woulde
whan can welth lacke, seing all thing is solde
And welth is of assuraunce.

Health I denye that, your saying is nought
Grace, heauen, nor cunning, cannot be bought
without great paine, ad good dedes wrought
Els man cannot them haue.

wealth Stop therreat, and hold thy peace
May not men by heauen with richesse
As to bylde churches and make bye wayes
Such deedes mans soule doth saue

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Pea

Pea, but yet ye must marke one thyng
yf these goodes came with wronge doyng
130 Shall ye haue heauen so spedyng
Dy yet any mede.

Health

Nay nay except that man himselfe doo meeke
And make resystance the ryght honour to seeke
Els all such good dedes is not woth a lelke
welth hereof take heede.

Why thinkest thou that all men which hath welth wealth.
Getteth theyr goodes with brybry and stealeth
Thy reporte is nougnt therfore Helthe
I counsell thee to say the best.

140 So I wyll, but yet I must say true
And now a lyttle more I wyll say to you
Much sorowe and care welth doth brewe
He is seldome in rest.

Health

when a man is a lyttle hit and welthy
And hath in his cheste treasures plentye
Then wyl he wrangle, and do shreudly
By his power and might.
With his neigbourys he wyll go to lawe

150 And a wreke his malyce for valem of strawe
welth is fykle and out nf awe
wyfull in wronge or ryght

Thou speakest with a flaunderous tonge
All of euyll wyll, and yet it is wronge
welth in this realme hath bin longe
Of me commeth great honour.

Welth.

Because that I welth hath great porre
All the worlde, hyther doth resorte
Therefore I welth, am this realms comfort,
And here I wyll indure.

Helth. So I wold ye shoud, and I shall do the same
Helth I am called, and that is my name
If I would not abyde heare I were to blame
For here I am well cherished

Pet say your selfe, ntw indifferenly
And if euery man doo not loue me
Helth as well as welth, yes verely
Cherof I dare be reported

Welth. Why shoud they loue thee? that woulde I knowe
As wel as me, I pray you showe
I am the superiorour of hie and lowe
No man may compare with me.

Helth. To shew why I wyll not be afraied
For I can bide by that I haue sayde
Pf welthy men be very well apayd
Dy muche they set you by.

But of welth, if they haue neuer so much
Goodes, tryasure and golde, and be called rych
Pet yfthey lacke helth, there payne is suche
That they were better dye.

A man to were golde, and be in Payne
What ioy hath he? none, but would be fayne
To giue all his treasure for helth playne
Dy els he were very mad:

For if a man be neuer so poure
Pet if he haue helth, that is a treasure,
Then for his liuing, he may laboure
And in his harte be glad,

Welth. I neuer marked thus muche, nor vnderstood
That Helth was such a treasure, and to man so good
Wherfore I am sorry, and I wil chaunge my moode
Now I pray you forgiue me.

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I will forgiue or els I were to blame
And I pray you to forgiue me the same
I loue you hartly, and wyll prayse your name
yf it please youto keepe my company.

Health

Here entreth lyberty with a song & after speaketh
Why tary syrs whether are ye going
I see well ye looked not for my comming
Loe, out of syght out of remembryng
200 Absence is cause of straungnes,

libert

What looke ye on werwhy are ye so straunge
From your fellow liberty, doth your minds chaunge
In your company I was wont to range
What nedes all this busines,

By liberty now I doo not set
Seyng that helth and I am met
As feloweh together no man shall let
Me for to loue hym best.

wealth

Let me heare what ye do say

liberty.

210 Then ye are about to cast me away
How happes this? mary then I may
Goe pyke strawes and take me rest.

I pray you tell me whom I haue offended
yf I haue made a faute it shalde amended
with so shorte warning let me not be voyded
I crow yet ye do but iest.

Why do ye make this cauelacion
we entende to make no alteracyon
welth and I haue had communication

Helth.

220 He is my freende of olde.
What was the matter, I pray you tell
Me thinkes I ought to be of counsel
Or els I promyse you ye doo not well

liberty

B.i.

with

With you I shold beholde.

Welth. The matter is doone we are agreed
To reason it moxe it shall not neede
O brother helth, thou art in deede
Moxe preciouser then golde.

liberty. Gods bodi how commeth this gere to pas
I am cast out at the cartes arse
The woylde is nothing as it was
For I am here refusid

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Health Why be you angry that we doo agree
Then are ye not wyse, for ifye loue me
I will loue hym agayne, so it shold be
Or els I were mysaduised

yllibert Then of my loue ye set no store
My company I see well ye looked notfoze
Farewell I wyll get me out of the doore
yet I am your betters and so am I called.

wealth Such presumptuouse wordes wyll haue a fall
your comparyson is but feble and small
What can ye do nothyng at all
As you haue reputid.

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liberti. What were ye both two, were not I.
Wetches and captyfes, looke not so hye
Thinke no scorne hardly
For I may be your peare

ys welth haue neuer so much lubstaunce
Lacking Libertye and werr in duraunce
Within a whyte, I am in assurance
ye woulde pray me come nere.

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ys Helth be neuer so lust and stronge
yet if Lyberty were kept from him longe
Then sorow and care wolde be his songe.

yt

yt would abate your cheare.

Fye of welth which lacketh lybertye

Fye of Helth and be in captiuitie

Fye of riches and lack good company

260 Lyberty hath no pere,

Wyll ye heare how he doth clatter?

Helth.

What neede ye to rehearre all this matter.

ye know that we twayne afore any other.

Lyberty must nedes haue styll.

Lybertie on vs is glade to wayte

ye stande to farre in your owne conceypte

I wys lybertye ye ran make no bayte

To catche vs at your will.

Now there ye lye, I can suffer no longer

liberty.

270 Welth for Lybertye doth loboure euer

And helth for Libertie is a great store

Therfore set me not so lyght

Libertye I pray the reason no more

wealth

ye are welcome to vs as ye were before

In dede of liberty it is great suter

Therfore welcome by this lyght

Now I thanke you both full kindly

liberty,

your strange wordes alytle did greue me

And now at your cōmaūdement I am redy

280 And at your owne wyll.

¶ Here entreth with some iest yllwyll

Wyll..

Mary I am come at the first call

Wyll, your owne man haue me who shall

For I am will seruaunt to you al

Ye shall not neede to sende for me.

Who is acquainted with this man

Welth.

B.ii.

he

He is very homely and lytle good he can
To come in here so boldly, then
Dryue him away quickly,

Wyll. Why, I cam not tyll C was called
your owne wyll openly ye named
Then I came a pace lest I shold be blamed
Therefore I pray you let me byde byll,
ealth Whose wyll, or what wyll, doth he meane
Thou art not my wyl, I forlase thee cleane
My wyl and their wylles is often sene
Our wylles can none yll

Wyll. Alas good masters I can none yll
yet by my trouth I am your euyll wyll
your wil, & your will, & your will, therfore keepe me 300
I loue ye by goddes mother,

liberty. This is a straunge saying vnto me
My wyl, your wyl, and his wyl, this cannot be
For in our wyles is great diuersitie
For one is not lyke another,

Wyll. Yet by Christ your owne wyl I am
The maddest wyl, and the meriest, than
For goddes sake now, let me be your man
Tyl ye haue better acquaintaunce.

wealth I perceyue this felow is kynde
And oweth to vs good wyl and mynde
Some kindes agayne then let hym finde
Let him haue some furderaunce

Wyll. By god sir and I durst be so bolde
Arquaintance of this man clayme I would
and kynred to, yf the trouth were tolde
we be of one consanguynitie

Health How so? let me here that I pray thee hartly

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wyll

- Wyl and lybertyeis, of aunciterie olde Wyll.
320 with out lyberfye, wili dare not bebolde
And where wyl lacketh, lybertye is full colde
Thyrsfore wyl and lybertye must nedes be of kyn.
- In dede as he saythe it may well be liberti.
For wyl euer longeth vnto lybertye
Therefore good freende welcome to me
I praye you al be good to him And goeth out
For your sake he is welcome to vs all Welth.
Let him come to our place ano than he shall
Haue succoure of vs and helpe withal
- 330 & now we wil depart. And welth & helth goth out.
Wyl ye go hence. I thanke ye masters with al my Wyll.
I wyl seke you out I warrant you feare not (hert
Now they be gone I am glad by saint mary
A lyttel while heare I purpose to tary
How to deceyue welth, helth, and libertie
Now must I deuyse.
For I am a chylde that is pas grace
Ilwyll I am called that in every place
Doth much mischiefe this is a playne case
340 Vertue I doo vtterly dispise,
But if they wylt what I were
Then of my purpose I shold be neuer ſe nere
I wyl kepe my tonge leſte that I mar
My whole intent and wyll.
But now I meruayle by this day
Where ſhrewd wit is gone a stray
Some crafty touche is in his way
I here him, peace, stand ſtyll.
- ¶ Entreth ſhrewd wyt with a songe.
350 ¶ Dieu vous garde playſaunce

B.iii.

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On seuen or no mumchaunce, what yonkers dare
To playe a grote or twaine. (auaunce

Loe heare I haue in store
Two or three grotes and no more
I take great thought therfore
For to kepe it, it is much Payne

I come now out of a place
where is a company of small grace
Theues and hoxes that spendes a pace
They were dronken all the sorte.
One of their purces I did aspy
Out of his sleue where it dyd lye
And one wynked on me with his eye
But ther began the spore

Their false falsehoode, and I crafty wyt
got the purse loe, heare I haue it
I ran my way and let hym syt
Smoke and shitten arse together.

And yf that I had yll wyll here
with this money we wolde make good chere
Gentle brother wyll, I pray the apeare
For thou art in some corner.

Wyttie I woulde come in but I am a fearde
Least that I be taken by the bearde
Wyth some catchepol, I haue heard
How thou hasten stollen a purse

Thou horson art thou mad, cum in I say
This is not the fyste hazard that I haue scaped
yf I make an hand to decke my selfe gay
what am I the worse.

wytte From thy company I cannot abyde
I must nedes holde vpon thy syde

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yll

yllwyll and shrewdwit who caa hyde
For they will be together.

Now welcome wyll and what cheare:
By god I thought for thee a thousand yere
Peace for gods body who cummeth there
Hance bere pot Ascon router.

wytte.

C Entreth Hance with a dutche songe.

390 Gut nynen scone rutters by the moder got
It heist owne schon, for staue ye nete
De qusteker mau iche bie do do
Uau the groate bnmbarde well ic wete
Dartyck dowsant van enheb it mete
Ic best de mauikin van de koining dangliler
De grot keyser kind ic bene his busketer

Here ye not dronke hance how he be gins to prate Wyll.
The malowperte fleminge is a little to cheke mate
Let the knaue alone, for his name is war.

wytte

400 Such dronken flemminges your company wil mar
Ic best nen emond, ic best in soche
ye lecte nete vell ic forstaue ye in doche

Hance.

Cumpt hore leys with your gound stand nere
yt becummes you better to handle a potte of beare
Dat maght icvell dan, ic can skynke frelyck

Wyll.

Tab bers frow, ic bxiuges broze, begotts nemerick
The horsen knaue by the masse is dronke
A winking for depe his eyen be cleane lonck

Hance

Ic forzaue ye vell ye seg dac ic flope

wytte.

410 Nenike, nenike, ic compte hore for an andor cope.

Hance

Wel coppin I pray the hartly tell vs trew
Wherfore comest thou hether for any thing to sew
yeicke seger, en būbardere vā de koyning wei it be

Wyll.

Heb twe skelling de dagh ic con scote de culueryn

Hance

Mae

- wytte. Nay ye shall walke a fleming knaue, wyl ye not see
Hance We haue English gunners ynow, there is no rome
Wyll. It best en bomberde mot ye to me spreken (empty
Hance what segye ye bones, it fal ye yode flaen
Wyll. We speake not to thee thou art a scone man
Hance But goe thy way they be not here that promot \hat{y} cā 420
Hance Caut ye me a de house dragen van degrot here.
Hance Hance ye must go to \hat{y} court & for welth inquire
Hance What segre ye welth nenyke he is net hore
Wyll. welth best in flauders, it my self brought him doze
Hance Beshrew your horson fleminges hert therfore.
Hance in dede as he saith, by war in flauders theris welth
Hance Segt ye dat brower, by the moder got dan (stoye
Hance Gut naught it mot waft, to sent cafrin to mi lanmā
Wyll. Is he gone, farewel hanykin bowse (& goeth out
I pray god giue him a hounded drouse 430
For I trow a knaue brought hym to house
But now brother wyt.
Wytte. We must deuose how that we may
Be in seruice with welth alwaye
Let me here what thou canst do or say
To helpe for to contrryue it.
Wyll. For thy pleasure that I shall
This wyll I doo first of all
Flatter and lye, and euermore call
Them my good maysters syll. 440
Wyll. Then with swering, lying and powlinge
Bybry, theft, and preuy pyking
Thus I shred wet, wyll euer be doinge
I warrant ther yllwyll.
Wyll. I cun thee thanke, this is well deuysed
And I yll wil, wolde haue euery man dispised
But

But now another thing must be contriued
Or els al wilbe nougat

There is one they call good remedy

450 In this realme, he hath geat actority
He is a noble man and much worthy
Many thinges he hach wrought
He is called lust, discrete and indifference
Willing to fulfil his soueraines commaundement
He is not fraide to do right punishment
Therefore of him I am afayde

So am I to this maketh me very sadde
Yet oftentymes I haue bene harde bestadde
Now þ I am warned of him I am very glad

wytte.

460 Sum crafty wyle for him shalbe hade

Peace no mo wordes but mum
Wy think I heare mast welth cum
Knele downe and say sum deuout orison
That they may heare vs pray
Now Jesu sauе Welth, Helth, and Lybertie.

Wyll.

Liberty and helth returneth back with welth
Srys you shall haue both gods blessing
So are ye worth for your praying
ye are wel disposed and of good liuing

Wealth

470 I wyll loue you the berten alway

Sir this do we vse euery day
For welth helth and liberty to pray
This same is my brother, to you I mayay
He is an hard honest man.

Wyll.

Forsooth mayster I am his vrother
To be your seruant, was my cūming hether
As longe as we two be to gether
ye shall not peryshe than

wytte.

C.i.

To

- Health To haue you both in serupce I am content
 How say you libertie wil you therto consent
 Wyll and wit, god hath vs lent
 We may be glade of them
- liberti. Pf we holde refuse wyl and wyt
 we were to blame for they be fyt
 Therfoze by my wel they shal not flye
 They be welcome to me,
- Wyll. God thanke you maisters all three
 ye shal finde vs pore but true we cannot be
 My tonge stumbles, I cry you mercy
 We wyll be true I shoud say,
- wealth Syrs go your way home vnto one place
 And we wyl bye vs after apace
 And when we come we shall set you in case
 To haue a lyuing alway.
- Health Then loke ye do both truely and iust
 For we must put you in great trust
 All our houshoulde guide ye must
 Behaue you selfe well.
- wytte Maisters feare not for I haue wit inough
 To beguyle my selfe, and to beguyle you
 I haue vegyled many one I may say to you
 I pray you kepe that in councell
- liberty. Beware of that, what doth he say?
 Beguyle vs all, yet I charge ye nay
 We shall not beguile vs yf I may
 I wyl beware betyme.
- Wyll. Syr be not angry I you praye
 the foole woteth not he doth say
 He meneth chat he wil be profitable alw ay
 And saue you many thinges.

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what

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What he meaneth I cannot tell
But his saying is not well
Depart hence syrs by my councell
And tary vs at our lodging.

Health

¶ Now and it please ye, wyll ye here any synging wytte.
Therein I tell you I am somwhat connyng
ye shall heare and ye list.

Syr I pray you sing and ye can liberty

Now wil I begin like a lusly bloud thā. thei sing wyll.

520 Sirs now go your way of you I am glad (& go out
As of any seruauntes that euer I had
For these can do both good and bad
We must needes haue such men

What were we yf we lacked wyll:
And without wyt we shoulde lyue yll
Therefore wyll and wit I wyll kepe styll.

I promise you I loue them

¶ Here commeth remedy in and to him saith

Syr your maystership is hartely welcome wealth.
530 Take your place here aboue as it is reason.

I pray you oardon vs, we know not what ye be
ye seme a man of honour, and of great auctority

Syr to know wherfore ye come we are despyous liberty

I am he that ought for to be wcll knownen Remdi

Of you thre specially, and of duetie
Great Payne and busines as for mine owne
For you I haue taken because I loue you hartely
To maintaine you is all my desyre and faculty
yet hard it is to doo, the people be so variable

540 And many be so wilfull, they will not be reformable.

Syr I pray you pardon vs of our ignoraunce now wealth
I se well ye know vs better than we do you

C.ii.

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- Remdi I pardon you, for I doo know you wel both
welth, and helth, is your right names
The which England to forbere were very loth
For by welth and helth commeth great fames
Many other renlmes for our great welth shames
That they dare not presume, nor thy dare not be bold
To stryue againe England, or any right with holde.
- Health Sir ye be welcom, I besech you show vs your name 550
remedi Good remedy forsouth I rm the same.
liberti. yf I durst be so holde I wolde pray you hartely
R md To hewe vs apart of your great aceoztie,
My actoztie is geuen to me most speciall
To maintaine you three, in this realme to be
What mine intent is. I wyl tel, but not all
For that were to longe to reherse of a surety
And I desyre you all for to be louing to me
For your owne ease, come welth and profyt
- Wealth Good remedy, then we must desyre your aydyng 560
Remdi For by good remedy cometh all our presferring.
- All that I doo intende, if ye wil therto agree
And to be reformable for your owne ease
It is not the thyng that lieth only in me
But my good wyl, therfore I wyl not cease
To haue your loue and fauour, and thereby to please
Al the worlde ouer, and to promote ehis realme
That you thre may prosper, ye percelue what I mene
- The chiese parte of all welth lyeth in great estates
Theyr substance and landes. is right commendable 570
Prelates of the churche is welthy of ryches
Merchaūtes hath marchaūdise & goods incōperable
Men of law & franklins is welthy which is laudable
thus

Thus welth of riches is deuided diuerse wayes
And to these many charges, come now a dayes

My hert reioyseth to here your good reporting Health
Much are we bound to god, which prouideth althing
Forsoth here is not halfe that I could reherse Remdi
The benefits of god that he sheweth to you welth

580 Consider Englyshmen, how valiant they be & fierce
Of al nacions none such, when they haue their helth
No land can do vs harme, but wyth falsehod or stelth
remēbre what nobe of mē, or artilerie & good ordināce
Specially þ grace of god, which is our chief foderāce

If there be any that wyll grudge, surmyce or doo
Againe welth, helth & libertie, then must I for þ same
Shew mine auctoritie and power, for to remedy it so
That none of you shall diminishe, nor amisse be tane
I good remedy therfore may & will speake wout blāe
590 For the comen welth, & helth both of the soule & body
þ is mi office & power, & therfore I haue my auctoritie

Our loyde continue ye, & we thanke you hartly wealth
Both for your good instruction, and for your kindnes
That you intende so wel for vs good remedy
when we haue nedē we will desyre your goodnes
When we be infect in the soule or body health
Then will I seke good remedy for succour
As yet I thanke god I haue no nedē greatly
yf I haue then wyll I seke to haue your fauour

600 Syz now we wyl departe hence with your licence liberty
For other diuers busines that we must haue toether
Sirs I am content, now when ye wyll depart Remdi
To god I commyt you I wyll not make you tary
But yet I pray with all my minde and heart
Take hede in any wise exchewe yl & shrewd compani

ys a mā be neuer soo good & vse w̄ thē ȳ be vnth̄isti
He shal lese his name, & to some vice they wil him tēp
therfore beware of such people, & from thē be exempt

Health yes yes I warrant you of sach I wyll beware.
Farewel good remedy & wel to fare. & goth out ⁶¹⁰

Remdi I pray god be your spedē & preserue you frō paine
it is mi mind ye shold prosper I wold haue it so fain.

Wyll. Here is none of our acquaintaūce wil retourneth
we haue made to longe tariaunce
that wyll ye say perchauce
And they begone home come away apare

Wyte. Nay by god not so hastie
A lytle whyle we wyll larye
Good euen syz to you mary
Dwell ye in this place?

Remdi Nay good fellowe I dwel not heare
Wherfore doest thou chat inquire:
Woldest thou ought with any heare
Speake be not afryde

Wyll. By God I would I had your gowne
And were a myle without the towne
Cheron I woulde bozowe a crowne
It is I that so sayde

Wyte. Hew lookest thou one him halfe a scorne
I p̄omise you he is a scant gentylman boyne
What slyest thou in his face

Remdi For somwhat in his face I lok e
In dede his mastership standes a crooke
For false shewes both of you I tooke
And chyldren that be past grace.

Wyll. I wyll swere for hym, as toz this yeares twenty
that he hath ben euer as true as I

yet

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yet sometyme he will steale and make a lye
He is of my alyaunce.

640 In good sayth the same thinke I
That ye be both lyke, full vnythly
Srys how do ye lyue, shew me quickly
Or I shall put you in duraunce
How liue we? mary our meate
Cumtest thou hether for to threte:
So lordly syr wittam doth speake
From whence doth he come can ye shewe
What dost thou ayle canst thou tell?
Hast thou any thing with vs to mell?

650 By the masse thy handes doth tykell
Thou shalt beare me a blowe.
you false theues I know ye well
I shall let your purpose euey deale
yllwyll, and shrewd wit, the deuyll of hell
Take ye both for me.

Mary thou lyest, our names be not so
Call vs but wit, and wyll, adde no more thereto,
yf thou doest thou were as good no
We shall handle you shrewdly

660 Srys farewell here I wil no longer abide
For you both shortly I wyll prouide
That all your false craft shalbe out tryed
And our subtiltie knownen and goeth out.

To go so foone the horson was wyse
therfore some now I must devise
that each man may welth, helth and libertidespise
Or els he wyll marre all our mateer.
Brother wet, ler me alone
When they come you shal see me a none

Remdi

wytte.

Wyll.

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wytte.

Remdi

wytte.

Com

Complayne of him, vnto them echone
And put him out of fauour

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Wytte wealth Peace no mo wordes, for they come yonder
 Syrs I am glade that you be heare

How doth all our housshold, with them what chere?
Is every thiag in order there
Afirr our intente?

wyll. ye syz they be all mery and glad
With reuell and rout somtime they be mad
Pipe whore hop theef, every knaue and drabe
Is at our commaundement.

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Helth turneth hym.

What do ye say, then ye are to blame
And we put you in trust for the same
To kepe such rule, it is a shame
I tis not for our honour.

wytte. By the masse ihe horson doth lye
There is no such rule by gods body
A man may breke his neck as lyghtly
As his fast in your kechin, or seller truly.

Liberty turneth him

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With that nother I am not content
I wolde there shoulde be liberalitie competēt
And with honesti it is conuenient
That our neighbour fare the better

wyll. you be angey with all that we haue done
Cum away brother let vs go hens soone
I know a new maister wher we shalbe welcume
God be with you gentyl maister

Welth. Why wil ye begone for a worde
Peraduenture we did but boorde
Ye thinke ye shoulde your mayster foorde

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For

Fox to speake my minde.

Nay nay, I can tel what was the matter
Remedy was here, and he dyd flatter
ye trust he more than vs and better
But marke the ende, what ye shal find

wytte

With good remedy we speake in dede
To folow his counsel we had neede
He warned vs that we should take hede

Health

710 Of excesse and prodigalitie.

I meruayle ye speake so of good remedy
It is I that can do more than he
Wyt can make shyft at necessity
When Remedi cannot be hearde

Wytte

I know some that hath this thousand yere
Sought god remedy and yet neuer the nere
wit can put remedy by, yea this is cleare
Fox wit is a crafty lad.

Wyll.

And wyl is an vngracious stay

720 Wyl hath doone many thinges men say
And yf ye let wit and wil goe his way
ye wil repent it soone.

liberty

Why what cause haue you to go your way
ye shall abyde wiche vs though you say nay
I wyl folow wyl, and wit alway
And so I haue euer done

wytte.

yf I wyl al my masters wolde so do
Then from your seruyce I wolde not goo
Speake now whether ye wyl or no

730 And let vs know your minde

Syss ye be welco me to me playne
And for your company I am full fayne
I had leuer suffer great payne
Then to leue my wit and wyl,

Health

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Wyll. Then let vs go hence, with kindnes my her ye do kyll
Health I pray you let vs go, wherfore do we byde byll.

and goeth out

Remdi As touching my first purpose hither I am com again
I trow ye know me, good remedy is my name
That every day doth take great abor or Payne
To amende all faultes, I am chosen to the same
ys any mans conscience here doth grudge or shame
Hauing in him self remorse, & mendes in tyme & space
I am good remedy, and god is ful of mercy and grace
therfore I wyl stand asyde, & a lyttel whyle remaine
Of welth, Helth and Lybertye, for to inquire
How they be ordred, and ys any man complayne
I wil be glad to shew me remedy, my think I se one a
pear.

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Hance Begots dwouse ic my selfe bin cūpt heye scō lansmā

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Ic mot in ander land lopen, al is quade dan

Remdi Thou Fleming frō whēce comest y & what dost y here.

Hance Ic my self cumt frō sent Katryns doze mot ic skyne

Remdi Get y therther againe, & tary here no lōger (de cā beer

Hance Syr ic mot mid ye spreken ic my self be en scomaker

Remdi What and thou be therwith I haue nothin a doo.

Hance Ic dest al forlore, copin is dod, ic maght aot do therto

Remdi I pray thee go hence, for thou dost trouble me yll.

Hance Ben ic seker, ic wyl not gon, ic wold fain liue hore stil

Remdi There is to mainy allauts in this reale, but now I
good remedy haue so prouided that English men shall
lyue the better dayly.

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Hance What segt ye by gots dwouse, dai is de quade man

Remdi Be de moro goi, ic my selfe loue de scone Englishman.

Hance Fie on y flattering knaue, fie on you aliaūts al I say
ye can w craft & subtel tiget englishmēs welth away

Hance O skon mester, ic heb hore bin, this darten peore
ic canskote de coluerin, & ic can be dr beare bvoer,

trust see so prouide that welth from you haue I shall

770 Ic seg to you dat welth is lopen in an ander contry Hance
wat hebegy dar brough, forstan ye net, segt me

Ic vnderstand the wel, yet thou liest lyke a knaue Remdi
welth is here i Englād, & welth stil i trust we shal haue
Ic ment no quad ic loue de english man by min here Hance
Cūp vp sent Katrin and ic shal ye geue tƿe stope bere,

Get ȝ hence drōkē fleming ȝ shalt tary no lenger here Remdi

Mor it net mare herebin, woder sal ic gewest kiskin Hance
Ic wil to de Kaizer gan, dar fall ic wal skinkin (& goth

780 Is he gon? I pray god the deuyll go with him (out Remdi
wher is welth, helth & tiberty. I wold see thē come in

Helth commeth in with a kercher on his head.

God good lord helpe me, by your licence my souerain Health
I am homely to com her in your presēce thus diseased
Mede constraineth me, for remedy I wold haue faine
I am infect both body & soul, I prai you be not displeased

Why what aile you shew me, yet you I do not know Remdi
Glad I am to remedy any man, that is affirmity

I perceiue by your phisnamy, ȝ ye ar veri weke feble &
yet shwo me your grieve, & I wil help you gladly. (low

790 Gracio⁹ remedi I thank you, yet I am half ashamed Health
to shew you mi maladi & mi name, I was called helth
Therefore I am wel woxthi to be punished & blamed
Because I haue not folowed your couſel, but al thing
may be suffered saue welth.

Are you helth, this maketh me very pensife and sad Remdy
ye t be of good chere, & show how you were infect
To remedy you and succour you I wold be very glad
For god wyl punish the people when they be detelt

Syr I thanke god therof for wel worthy I am Health
800 My conscience doth iudge, some trouble haue I must
A mendes I wyl make to god and if I can

- Wil ad wit hath deceiued me in them I put my trust.
Remdi ys thou haue doone amisse, and be soray therfore
Then helfe a mendes is made, for that is contrission
Let that passe, now wil I are you one thyng more
Wher be welth ad Libertie, be they of good dispositio
- Health As for welth is fallen in decay, and necessitie
By wast & war, thow yll wyll, and shrewd wit
And lybertie is kept in duraunce and captiuite
God helpe vs all, and sende vs good remedy for it 810
- Remdi For to heare this tale it maketh my hart heauie
yet be of good cōfōrt, god is ful of grace, & I am good
- Health ¶ Sir, thē I besech you help vs in the way of charity
- Remdi I would sayne but I cannot tel which way to begin
Except I might catch wil & wit, then I trow I could
Tye the shorter, for they destroy welth, helth & liberty
ys I had y theues, punish the extremly I wole. (bi sin
- Health You may soone catch them, if ye wil stande a syde
From this place they two, wyl not longe abide.
- Remdi Me thinketh I here them com, helpe to holde the fast 820
- Wyll. Cum in wit for herc is no body (will turneth
We may ve holde and talke largely
Dur hertes to eafe ano shew plainly
What we haue doone.
- wytte I must nedes laugh I cannot forbeare
To remember warre that knaue wil ye heare
The horson fleming was beshitten for feare
Because he shold boyde so soone.
- Wyll. Herke now do I meruayle by this bread
For I weae surely what hrith be dead 830
I saw saw him go with a kercher on his head
As he shold go to hangyng.
- wytte Harke in thine Eare, ys tste horson hap
To complayne to him that weres the red cap

I feare then shorthly he wyl vs clap
By the heles from our liuingl
Nay nay, there is no doubt
By hym I haue reported all about
That he doth not wel, his good name to put out

Wyll.

840 ylwyl cannot say wel,
Frende therin thou art the more to blam

remedi.

Co staunder me wrongfully, and vndesrrued
But or thou drpart thou shalt answeze for the same.
wher is Welth & liberty, how hast thou thē ordred?

Dury cicis quest is vn malt ombre

Wyll

We is vn spyanardo compoco parlauere.

Thou folle chefe is thine English tonge gone

Health

as mischeuo⁹ il wil & shrewdwit, ye haue destroyd ma-

Sir hurt not me, & I wilstel you trouth anone (ni on

Wytt.

850 This same ia as false a knaue as euer cam win saint

Per amor de my as peca vn poco

Johēs wyll.

Eo queris and ar pour lagraunt creae so

I can not tel what thou dost meae blabbler

Remdy

But y^r shalt speake English & confesse an other mater,

Syr I besech your lordship, in the way of charity

Health

Let not these thefes escape your hands they haue de-

stroyed vs utterly.

Syr, beleue hym not he speakes but of malice onely wytt:

we be true men, therof we shall fetch good witnes

860 An honest man that shalbe bound for him and me

The law sayth plaine, nulla fides contra testes

that is trouth, but who wilbe witnes or boūd for the Remdi

There is three amonge you in this howse

Wyll.

I Iyfgo to fetch them quickly

They wil come vnsēd for I warant you if they wyl

Wytt.

what be they^r names, tel me what they be,

Remd

That on is John Irische abd John Sholer

Wyll.

- But ful these be honest men all three
 Trust not their wordes they wyll dessemble styl
 They are so false and crafty, all theyr intent is yll. 870
- Wyll.**
 ye lye falsely I speake but right and reason
 And by the law of armes ye must nedes be tane
 you are called good remedy which at al season
 Sholde leaue to mans lyfe, and maintaine the same
 we be here both your prisoners wrongfully accused bi
 Repe one of vs fast let him lye for all (desame
 That other for frendes and wytnes goo shall.
- wytte,**
 Syz let hym not goo and leue me behynde
 He wyl euer be a false knaue, for I know his mynde
 Holde thy tongue folish knaue I do not meane so 880
- Wyll.**
 Remdt I here now ye cannot agre, which of you should go
Wyll. No by gods body there shall none go but I
Wytte. Thou playest the knaue it must nedes be I
Health Repe them safe I pray you for yf they scap againe
 Many men shal repent it, it shalbe to our payne
Remdi They be here yet, to kepe them fast is myne intent,
 Haue them away both to pylon in continent.
wyll. Lo false knaue this is for thy crafty wif.
 Now fast by the heeles we are lake to syt.
- Wytte.** I am content so that I may haue compeny 890
 yf I shold behanged, I wold be haged honest (& goth
 So hence with them & bring welth & liberty. (out
Remdi Com away ye theues, now I shalb kepe you surely,
 Lock vs vp & kepe vs as fast as ye can (& goth out
 yet yll wyl and shewdwit shalbe with many a man.
Remdi I am halfe ashamed, that long it hath ben sayd
 That noble men by such wretches hath ben deceiued
 they did reioyce and iest, and were very well apaide
 Trusting to scape cleare, and styl for to haue rained
 But now they shall not so, let them be wel assured 900
 that

That ylwyd and shrew de wyt shal haue but yl rest
For wheresoever they be I wyll breake theyr nest
In the honour of god we aske you forueenes althye wealth
we ought to be ashamed to looke you in the face
By our foly & negligence, we haue done so unwiseley
we were fowle deceyued, we put vs to your grace
Thys shalbe a good warding for vs alonge space
whan man is wel punished then he wyl beware
who that knoweth what nedē is, wel after dyede care

910 I may not blame you gretly for by mine owne reasō Remdi
I know ylwyd and shrewdwit deceiueth great & smal
yf ye can remābie thys. and beware a nother season
This is a good ex ample and lerning to you all
Now serue god and loue him, & for grace euer call
And ylwyd and shrewdewyt, from you I shall abstaine
ye haue vsed them to longe to your domage and pain.

Forsooth syz ye sai trouth, they did vs great displesur health.
Full hard it is to vanquishe the vngrocious ylwyd
He is so crooked, by flattery, dissuilation & such other
920 Mannes mynd is so variable, & glad to report yl
I feare many one yet wolde haue him raine syll
For some onto their owne wyl hath so much affection
yet the devyl and yl wyl is both of one complexion

yll wyl is nougħt, but worse is shrewdwyt liberty-
For he contruyeth al subtil ymanginacien
yt were unpossyble for a man els to doo it
Shrewdwyt braweth mysces, & false conspyracion
He hath put me lyberty in prison, ad great tribulacion
if it had not bene for your good remedie & fortheraūce
930 I & other þ hath libertie, shold haue bē in duraunce.
Be al of good chere, and haue no mistrust Remdi
The ende of yl wyl and shrewd wyt is but shame
Though they regyne a while, wrongfully and vnjust
yet

yet truth wyll appeare and their misdedes blame
Then wronge is subdued, and good remedy tane
Though falsehod cloke, and hide his matters all
Craft wyll out and disceite wyll haue a fall

Whereas ye are now, in distresse all thre
Neare were ye brought in case lyke to marre
Now haue ye no doubt, ys ye wyll be ruled after me 940

I shal restore ye agayne as well as euer ye were
Welth kepe styll this realme, looke ye stray not farre
And helth be of good chere, your disease I can soone
Liberty now ye be released do no more offend, (mēde

wealth) Now let vs al thāke god y good remedy hath sende
Trust to hym only for his grace and goodnes
we are forgiuenes of our trespass I trust we wil amēd
And cleane forslake syn, foly, and vnthristines
th^o we wil here cōclude, soueraine of your graciousnes
we besech you to remyt our negligence, & misbehauor 950
There we haue sayd amis, we cōmit al to your fauor

Health And for your preseruacion hartely we wyl pray
your realme to increase, with ioy and tranquility
That welth, helth & liberty, may continue here alway
By the ouersight and aide of him that is good remdy
which willingly doth his deuer, vnder your actoritye
As parte here apereth your purpose to maintaine
God continue his goodnes, that longe he may riagne

Remdi Jesu preserue quene Elizabeth y noble p̄c̄is worthy
Jesu continue her helth long for to endure 960
Jesu indue her w vertue grace & honour (remedi euer
Jesu maintaine the lords of y cōsel to execute good
Jesu spede and helpe al them gods honour to further
Jesu increase the comunaltie to prosper and doo wel.

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